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1. THIS MESSAGE REPORTS LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN CONTROVERSY OVER CONTENTS OF FINAL REPORT OF UN CONFERENCE (REFTEL) AND PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION BY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB) ON NEXT STEPS TOWARD CONVERSION.

2. DR. HORST MOLTRECHT (FRG), GROUP B "SPOKESMAN" AT UN CONFERENCE, IS IN VIENNA FOR TWELFTH SESSION OF IDB AND MET MAY 22 WITH CONFERENCE PRESIDENT MEHTA, PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR SIAZON, AND PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR SATTAR TO DISCUSS WAYS TO RESOLVE CONTROVERSY OVER CONTENT OF CONFERENCE REPORT. RESULT WAS AGREEMENT THAT MEHTA WOULD DIRECT SECRETARIAT TO ADD FOLLOWING FOOTNOTE ON PAGE 11 AND ON PAGE 15 OF APPENDIX A REFERRING TO INFORMAL GROUP B PROPOSALS:

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QTE)AS RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARIAT FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF JAMAICA AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION. THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY OBJECTED TO GIVING FORMAL STATUS TO PROPOSALS DISCUSSED DURING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS (SEE PAGE 26, ANNEX IV.B). UNQTE.

ACCORDING TO MOLTRECHT, SIAZON AND SATTAR (WHO ARE G-77 LEADERS IN VIENNA) SAID THEY WOULD INFORM THEIR NEW YORK MISSIONS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. THEY HOPE THEIR G-77 COLLEAGUES IN NEW YORK WILL RAISE NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS PROCEDURE.

3. G-77 HAS CIRCULATED DRAFT PARAGRAPH FOR IDB REPORT RECOMMENDING THAT UNGA "CONSIDER CONVENING AN EARLY CONFERENCE TO RESUME THE TASK OF FINALIZING THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION". LANGUAGE LEAVES OPEN LEVEL OF CONFERENCE AND POSSIBILITY OF PROCEEDING IN MORE THAN ONE STAGE. CONSENSUS IN GROUP B IS THAT BASIC THRUST OF LANGUAGE OF DRAFT PARAGRAPH IS ACCEPTABLE, IN FACT BETTER THAN COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED, ALTHOUGH SOME MARGINAL IMPROVEMENTS MAY BE POSSIBLE, E.G., WATERING DOWN "IMPERATIVE URGENCY". IF AS EXPECTED THERE IS CONSENSUS IN IDB ON PARAGRAPH ALONG THESE LINES, U.S.DEL INTENDS TO GO ALONG. FULL TEXT OF G-77 DRAFT PARAGRAPH FOLLOWS:

QTE. THE BOARD NOTED WITH REGRET THAT THE UN CONFERENCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIDO AS A SPECIALIZED AGENCY, HELD IN NEW YORK 20 FEBRUARY-10 MARCH, 1978, FAILED TO CONCLUDE ITS WORK. RECALLING THAT THE CONVERSION OF UNIDO INTO A SPECIALIZED AGENCY WAS RECOMMENDED AT THE SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNIDO OVER THREE YEARS AGO AND THAT THE OBJECTIVE HAD BEEN UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1975, THE BOARD EMPHASIZED THAT ACTION TO REALIZE THE OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE EXPEDITED. REITERATING THE IMPERATIVE URGENCY OF UNIDO'S CONVERSION INTO A SPECIALIZED AGENCY AS A MEANS OF ENHANCING ITS ADMINISTRATIVE INDEPENDENCE AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS, THE BOARD RECOMMENDED THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDER CONVENING AN EARLY CONFERENCE TO RESUME THE TASK OF FINALIZING THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION. UNQTE.

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